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Subject: MLPAComments: Supporting the State Marine Reserves

To whom it may concern,

This message is to express my support for the efforts of the Central Coast Region Stakeholders Group to establish State Marine Reserves. As a native Californian, a diver, surfer and human being, I feel it is our duty and privilege to protect both the Earth and the oceans from the disastrous effects of Man's activities along the Central Coast. The marine environment around our shores is arguably some of the richest and most scenic in the country: this is a treasure that belongs not only to the whole world but to future generations, as well. We owe it to the planet and our sons and daughters to come to preserve and protect these natural resources.

Please accept this as evidence of my support for CCRSG Draft Package 2, with a strong caveat that more needs to be done to protect the Ricketts Reserve and Carmel Bay, two areas much loved by divers from around the world.

Thank you

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